

Adventure Into Fascism

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It serves as an excellent review of the nature and purpose of fascism. The article also explores some sobering possibilities for the future.

The United States of America has the greatest array of technology in the world and the highest energy consumption per capita of any people, which places it in the position of being closer to abundance and human freedom than any other nation. Yet the administrators of this nation are catering to a social system that is best suited to a condition of extreme scarcity and under which the most vicious terrors and human repressions are practiced -- namely, fascism.

In our international associations, our administrators show special affinity and affection for the fascist regimes and fascist powers of the earth. On the other hand, our greatest hostility is directed against those regions and those people which are most anti-fascist. No system of social management could be less suited to North America than fascism. Therefore, our official espousal of it is one of the contradictions that is driving this Continental society toward a social debacle.

Fascism is welcomed by many of those misfit people who are ambitious for positions of power and authority over other people; for, fascism permits one to achieve the most social power with the least personal qualification for it of any system. Under fascism, one needs merely have the title of authority to be a social leader; otherwise, he may be a moronic sadist. The history of Europe, Asia, and Latin America is replete with cruelties and blunderings presided over by fascist tyrants, who had the authority but not the personal qualifications for social leadership. This type of personality is drawn toward fascism as if by tropism. Even the Roman Catholic Church has to apologize for and 'explain' the behavior of some of its popes.

The two major fascisms in the world today are the Roman Catholic and the Mohammedan fascisms. Other prominent fascisms of recent date, which have suffered serious set-backs, were the Orthodox Catholic fascism of Tzarist Russia, the Shinto fascism of Japan, and the Lamaistic fascism of Tibet. In order for a barbaric tyranny to be fascist, it must have a religious as well as a political and economic basis; and it must be opposed to social change. The tyranny of Genghis Khan, for example, lacked a religious base and it supported, rather than opposed, social change; hence, the tyranny of Genghis Khan was not a fascism. While Israel and India each have populations which are predominantly of one religion, neither is a fascism as yet, since the administrators do not insist on a religious base for citizenship or administrative position. On the other hand, most Roman Catholic and Mohammedan countries require that their administrators be of the 'one true faith.' Hence, such countries as Pakistan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Spain, Portugal, Eire, Belgium, and nearly all Latin American countries are fascisms. Russia, China, England, France, United States, Canada (except Quebec), and South Africa are not fascisms.

While the United States is not outright fascist, not even in the deep South, there are various fascist-type groups and fascist frontiers and sympathizers within the country. Unfortunately, the pro-fascists speak with a very loud voice in the administrative circles of this Continent. Most veteran's organizations are now dominated by fascist principles, leadership, and attitudes. The Labor Unions, under George Meany, are rapidly succumbing to fascist domination; and this goes double for the east coast waterfront unions. Public relations offices, including censorship offices, are taking on a fascist hue. This hue is even more intense in the law-enforcement organizations. It is creeping into education, banking, the Armed Forces, and publications. It has already swamped the entertainment field. Even many of the lodges of Freemasonry are becoming palsy-walsy with Catholic fascism. Fascism is infiltrating government offices, being particularly prominent in the State Department and the White House staff.

Fascism frequently manifests itself through terroristic tactics, including mob violence. In some fields, fascists may resort to quiet intrigue and patient scheming, while in other fields of operation they resort to assassinations, terror, and destructive mob action, and the Big Lie propaganda technique. The history of fascism is black with mass slaughters and genocidal liquidations. For example, the Crusades directed their slaughters not only against the 'Saracen infidel' but also against the Orthodox Catholics and 'heretics' (early Protestant groups). The fascism of Admiral Horthy in Hungary has seldom been equalled for sheer terror. The fascism of Hitler Germany set out to incinerate all non-fascist elements in the population of Europe, particularly the Jews and Orthodox Slavs.

In the United States, much organized violence is traceable to fascist sources. The major exception is the organized opposition to Negro advancement in the South; that is only semi-fascist. Pro-fascist mobs can usually be furnished as required by simply recruiting student bodies, veterans groups, American Legion posts, labor union locals, and foreign expatriates whose ideological background is sympathetic to fascism. Such mobs may be used to expose the appearance of a speaker or entertainer not approved by the fascist hierarchy; to shut out the showing of an 'objectionable' motion picture; to prevent the loading or unloading of certain freight or baggage on ships in American ports; to break up meetings of Jehovah's Witnesses and other 'heretic' groups; to protest justice being done to fascist criminals; to demonstrate in favor of fascist causes abroad. Pictures of anti-peace demonstrations in South Korea, interestingly enough, show large numbers of uniformed parochial school children in the foreground.

Fascist Terrorism

The mutilation of slain corpses is typical of fascist terrorism and war. Mohammedan fascists normally destroy the wounded and mutilate the bodies of the dead. Throughout the Catholic wars of Medieval Europe, it was routine procedure to butcher the wounded and chop up the bodies of the dead. The Franco fascists in Spain were notoriously cruel to their captured prisoners. Torturing of political prisoners in Latin America is regular practice. The sadistic viciousness with which the bodies of non-fascists were mutilated in Hungary during the 1956 attempted coup d'état is characteristic of fascist behavior everywhere.

The Dead of Budapest

The New Statesman and Nation (London) reporter, Bruce Renton, writes from Austria:

"There was a smell of mouldering corpses outside the Hungarian parliament. It was dusk . . . The population hurried over the rubble in Rakosi Street. They crowded around the cars of western

journalists. For the moment they paid no attention to the youths nearby engaged in tommy-gun battles with the last of the AVO secret police troops in the houses . . . The trophy of an Italian colleague brought home to me the fact that this had been a revolution in the real and full sense of the word: it was the blue-banded hat of an AVO officer. The previous owner was hanging by his feet from the yellow-leaved branches of the tree outside the AVO central barracks on the Pest bank of the Danube.

"Budapest that night was a city of candles. From afar it had at times a Scandinavian Christmas air. Candles in the windows of the houses, candles in the cemeteries, candles over the corpses of the freedom fighters stretched out and draped in green, red and white flags in Republic Square, in a great feast of the dead. Boys, solemn and determined, tearless, lit candles on the spot where their fathers had fallen. But the faces of the AVO troops whose bodies were heaped in the square had been crushed and spat on. Scores of cigarette ends had burned them beyond recognition."

We do not contend that other peoples, from primitives down to modern civilized people, are lily-white in their treatment of other human beings; but you will have to search a long time to find anything to match the barbarities of fascism. Where can anything be found to equal the cruelties and sadistic killings of the Inquisitions? What could be more revolting to human sensibilities than the techniques employed by the French rulers and the Vatican in liquidating the Knights Templars?

Even within the folds of modern 'democracy,' the hounding of 'dissenters' in the United States under McCarthyism reached the proportions of a national disgrace. This inquisition, for some reason, was directed mainly against the Jews. McCarthyism is a mere hint of what would happen in America if the fascists really got full control of the country.

American big business and finance in the early stages were not fascist, although they were viciously tyrannical and predatory. Their principal objective was loot. It is only lately that big business and finance have been allying themselves with fascism. Since the beginning of World War II, there has been a steady infiltration of fascism into the head offices of the big industrial, business, and financial institutions of the country. For example, the Chase National Bank and the Bank of Manhattan, which have been traditionally non-Catholic, have now consolidated into the Chase Manhattan Bank with John J. McCloy as Chairman of the Board. This bank is now second only to the Bank of America (formerly Bank of Italy) in size; and that has always been Catholic controlled. Big business looks forward to a future under fascism.

Big business and finance are not as yet unified in their social objectives because of the present gigantic struggle that is going on among the separate units for control of business enterprise and the manipulation of money. But, at best, this is only a delaying phase. The trend is on and it can progress in only one direction under the Price System.

In the political field, fascism thrives best under a monarchy, although a dictatorship serves as a reasonably satisfactory substitute. However, political fascism is not limited in its choices to these two alternatives. It can also operate as an unofficial regency back of a puppet regime. In this case, the nominal political heads may even exhibit the appearance of democratic republicans and be confirmed in office by popular voting, yet serve faithfully as front men for the fascist regency. The headquarters of such an unofficial regency in the United States need not be in Washington at all; it could, for example, be in New York City, let us say in the vicinity of Fifth Avenue and Forty-Ninth Street. However, it would be important that the chief advisors, arrangers, and spokesmen for the political heads be in cahoots with the regency. Also that as many government offices as possible be filled with pro-fascists. There is no reason to believe that those details are being neglected in America.

In the international field, the United States has allied itself firmly with the forces of European fascism centered in Rome. And, as allies of Rome, we are committing ourselves to achieving the objectives of Catholic fascism. One of these objectives is the restoration of the old Holy Roman Empire in Europe. Another is the destruction of the Soviet Union. In Europe, we have set up a military alliance called NATO to aid in achieving both of these objectives. The first step is the setting up of a joint military organization in Western Europe. Secondly, efforts are being made to establish an economic alliance along the same lines. Later, it is anticipated, a political and spiritual consolidation will take place to form the new Holy Roman Empire. Because of the diverse nationalities and rivalries in Europe, plus conflicting incentives, this program is dragging not only its feet but its whole rear end. Fortunately, many Europeans who have had unhappy experience with fascism and have been sickened by it, are wise to the scheme and they object to its realization. Further, when it comes to economic tribute, most individuals and groups will double-cross their political and spiritual alliances if the most loot lies in that direction.

An obvious collusion between the United States and European fascism for the destruction of the Soviet Union is still in a very active stage. In spite of its catastrophic set-back in World War II, fascism is again reorganizing its forces for the same objectives; for, fascism never admits defeat and never abandons its objectives. There is no such thing as a reformed fascism. There is considerable evidence to support the theory that the United States, Britain, and France (in spite of their being 'allied' with the Soviet Union; that is, ostensibly, fighting on the same side) were actually more eager for the defeat of Russia than for the defeat of fascist Germany. The conduct of the United States in Europe since the war gives heavy weight to this theory. We have consistently supported fascist parties and pro-fascist governments in opposition to non-fascists, notably in France, Italy, Greece, Netherlands, West Germany, and Belgium. We have actively espoused the fascist cause in Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and the Baltic states. We have been disgustingly friendly with Franco Spain and Salazar Portugal.

Vatican-Washington Alliance

The Cold War has been primarily a Vatican-Washington aggression against the Soviet Union. We have done everything we could to interfere with trade between the Soviets and other nationals. We have boycotted Soviet and satellite goods in this country. We have established hostile propaganda agencies along the Iron Curtain, and at every opportunity, we have sent in hostile agents. We have insisted on a Roman Catholic church being maintained in Moscow in connection with our embassy there; and most of our ambassadors to Russia have been sympathetic with fascism, particularly Walter Bedell Smith. (Incidentally, Walter B. Smith was also General Eisenhower's Chief of Staff during World War II, hence was in a position to 'help' Ike make his decisions.)

Besides the official Information Service and the Voice of America, we have supported 'independent' agencies of propaganda and espionage in Europe, such as the Crusade for Freedom, Free Europe Committee, Radio Free Europe, and Free Europe Press. (In these contexts, 'Free' should be translated as 'fascist'.) These 'private' agencies have been financed by large American corporations, such as Standard Oil of New Jersey, United States Steel, Ford Motor Company, etc. The United States post office lets its facilities be used to collect funds from the public for the Crusade for Freedom; and how much is filtered into these agencies from the CIA, State Department, and Defense Department is anybody's guess. It is admitted that Free Europe Press has, to-date, released around 400,000 plastic balloons (some of enormous size) carrying cargoes of propaganda leaflets and other items over Eastern Europe. Radio Free Europe operates 29 powerful radio stations from West Germany and Portugal

alone, beaming programs to East Europe in various East European languages.

The propaganda balloons have been responsible for at least one major airplane disaster. The propaganda leaflets and Radio Free Europe broadcasts, although actively sponsored by the United States, are responsible to no one; and nothing is done to curtail the nature of the propaganda they release. Much of the 'credit' for the Poznan riots in Poland and the debacle in Hungary is claimed for these agencies. It is evident now that the Hungarians and Poles 'acted up' on the belief that large military forces from the West would rush to their aid, as promised over Radio Free Europe broadcasts and in Free Europe Press propaganda leaflets.

In our Cold War in Europe, we have centered our attentions on Poland, East Germany, Hungary and the Baltic States. All of these have large Roman Catholic populations, notably Poland, Lithuania, and Hungary. Other centers of fascism are Slovakia in Czechoslovakia and Croatia in Yugoslavia. East Germany has been the most accessible country of East Europe; and, with the aid of West German fascists, we have been able to make numerous contacts. Following the peace treaty in Austria, we have used that country as a corridor of access to Hungary. Although Austria is officially committed to neutralism by the peace treaty, we must remember that Vienna has been one of the major centers of fascism in Europe for centuries -- and fascists are never neutral.

The Cold War agencies have tried desperately to provoke a hot war condition in Europe, using the 'sad fate' of the poor East European peoples as an emotional basis. You probably remember how our propaganda and news agencies frothed at the mouth over the arrest and conviction of Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary as a confessed criminal. Such propaganda barrages have all been hypocritically designed for a purpose -- to generate hatred for the U.S.S.R. We have never been as concerned over populations and individuals in other parts of the world who have been subjected to worse fates than these. For example, how many Americans recall any fuss being made here over the slaughterings and cruelties in Budapest perpetrated by the White Terror of Admiral Horthy? Or by the Arrow-Cross of Hungary (of which Cardinal Mindszenty was vicar general) prior to World War II? Or over the mass slaughterings of captured Republicans in Spain by the Franco fascists? Why is it we have found it so easy to forgive the Germans for the millions of people they systematically killed and cremated before and during World War II? For the hundreds of thousands of Russian prisoners that were allowed to die from exposure, hunger, and ill-treatment? Yet we still have not quieted down about a few thousand Polish officers that were slain by unknown parties in the Katyn Forest. Could the difference be that the former victims were non-fascists and the latter were fascists?

Rioters Expected Western Support

There is no doubt that the 'uprisings' in Hungary were provoked and instigated by pro-fascist agencies of the West and that they operated through fascist sympathizers in Austria and Hungary and through imported agents. Obviously, the Hungarian rioters expected support from Western Armies; and no doubt more official effort would have been made to authorize that support, except for one thing. That one thing was the 'double-cross' of Britain and France in their attack on Egypt. This so confused the situation that the intervention in Hungary could not be organized in time. Prompt action by Russia put a stop to the attempted coup d'état. The West's deep sympathies for the poor Hungarian people were then put to a test by Russia's letting tens of thousands of dissident Hungarians 'escape' across the border into Austria.

Propaganda as to the 'plight' of the East European peoples is still being used to generate hatreds essential to an active promotion of World War III. Since it is obvious that another World War will have

to be instigated if the Soviet Union is to be crushed, the United States cannot allow anything to develop that will lessen tensions between the East and the West. President Eisenhower has stated time and time again that the East European countries must be 'liberated.' That means global war! (And he tried to pass himself off as a Peace President.) We may expect another try for a war in Europe when Western fascism can think up another means of provoking it.

Our adventure in fascism in Asia parallels that in Europe, although Asia is our second choice for bringing the issue to a showdown. Our official sympathies are with the fascist elements of East Asia, namely South Korea, Japan, Formosa, the Philippines, South Vietnam, and a few minor spots such as Goa. We were very much disturbed over the curtailment of fascism in Tibet. We are committed to go to war against all Asia if necessary to preserve fascism on Formosa. We have already gone to war to preserve fascism in South Korea. We did this without hesitation, although at the time we fully expected the war to include Russia and become worldwide. Only when the Russians did not intervene and the prospects of our becoming bogged down in China increased did we lose heart in that war. Certain high officials and personages in America eagerly awaited the invasion of Formosa by Red China as a pretext for our jumping into a Hydrogen Bomb war. The mass populations of China offer a very attractive testing ground for the actual destructiveness of Hydrogen Bomb warfare.

Pending the development of a war against China, we tried desperately to surge into Indo-China on the side of fascism, but we could not achieve enough cohesion of sentiment for it in time.

President Roosevelt played along with fascism in order to receive the Catholic vote in the United States. President Truman supported fascism for the same reason, although he was less desirable as a front man -- he was too whimsical in his actions. He even had the crust to fire General MacArthur, who on his return to New York was greeted affectionately by Cardinal Spellman with cap in hand. Since 1952, Eisenhower and Nixon have been the darlings of fascism in America. They have demonstrated a high capacity for being manipulated. Adlai Stevenson was twice defeated largely because of suspicions by the pro-fascists that he could not be trusted with carrying out Vatican policy; besides that, he is a divorced man, and Roman Catholicism does not approve of divorce.

The technology and physical abundance of North America are antithetical to fascism. This nation and this Continent should be in the forefront of those who would crush fascism in the world. Instead, we have failed in this social obligation to ourselves and to the world. We have defaulted the leadership against fascism to Soviet communism, a social system that is also tyrannical in its methods and crude in its tactics. Instead of combining with Russia at the end of the war to liquidate fascism once and for all, we have chosen to go over to the enemy and split the world into two hostile ideological halves. As a consequence, we have endangered mankind with atomic annihilation. We have forced the Soviet bloc to achieve technological parity with the North American Continent in order to withstand the threat of fascistic destruction; and, now, there is a possibility that Russia will soon surpass us in technological capability. The salvation of fascism is not worth the price we have paid for it. It could have been liquidated at a fraction of the cost.

Now we find ourselves confronted with a dilemma -- the paradox of supporting both technological progression and medieval reactionism. If fascism has its way, we shall be obliged to abandon our technology; but, first, we shall be asked to use it to destroy the Soviet Union and otherwise subjugate for Rome all the non-fascist areas of the earth. Since abundance and fascism are incompatible, the fascists would have us return to human toil and scarcity. The Roman Pope has condemned both technology and human leisure, while he has blessed penury and toil.

We have had our adventure with fascism. It has been ridiculous; it has been costly; and it has been futile. It can be infinitely more costly if we keep on. It is high time we abandoned this course. Further, it is time for us to take an active hand in helping to flush fascism down the drain of history into the cesspool of forgotten nightmares.

Americans have the opportunity to awaken into the sunshine of a New America of abundance, security, and freedom from toil. That is an adventure that is both exhilarating and glorifying. It is a positive advance from our present negative retreat.

Technocracy has always been anti-fascist; and, in view of the wide divergence of the social objectives of the two, it must ever be so. But let no one be taken in by the false syllogism that, because the communists are anti-fascists, Technocracy must be pro-communist. For, Technocracy has always opposed communism also as a synthesis for the future of North America. We regret that America has, by default, forced the communists to be the major standard bearers against fascism -- a position which by rights should be held by North Americans.

North American citizens, as individuals, can still reclaim self-respect for themselves and honor in the world by rejecting the propaganda of fascism and joining the only body of people on this Continent that is working for a realistic future for our Area -- Technocracy. As Technocracy grows, fascism must fade away. The two have nothing in common; and Technocracy can be depended on to never make a deal with fascism.

So, let us offer this challenge to all citizens of North America: Go not backward with fascism, but forward with Technocracy!

- Wilton Ivie